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Date: JULY 25, 1957

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (105-275)

JOHN KASPER  
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DATE 8/31/83 BY SP-7

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Articles appearing in both newspapers in Nashville, Tenn., quote JOHN KASPER as stating that he is coming to Nashville to organize segregationists and that he is to be in Nashville on August 3 or 4 for a rally to be held in cooperation with the Ku Klux Klan.

Discreet pretext telephone calls to residences of known Klansmen in Nashville in connection with investigation of Klan groups resulted in information that Klansmen in Nashville are opposed to KASPER and want no association with him because of alleged association with Negroes in New York.

The Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government has stated to the press that they "want no part of KASPER."

No investigation or inquiry concerning KASPER will be made in Nashville UACB.

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1 - Knoxville (INFO) (RM)  
1 - Memphis (105-275)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (105-New)

FREDERICK JOHN KASPER, Aka  
John Kasper  
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**DATE 8/31/83 BY SP-305/caw**

On 7/26/57 [redacted] stated he was in telephonic contact on 7/23, 24 and 25/57 with KASPER who was in Knoxville, Tenn. He states KASPER said he is going to hold a big Klan meeting in Nashville, Tenn., in about two weeks and would like to have this informant come there to help him set it up. No promise was made that this would be done but informant replied he would do so if his affairs would permit. Arrangement was made that if informant can come to Nashville to meet KASPER he will contact KASPER through FLOYD FLEMING of Seaboard White Citizens Councils in Washington, D. C.

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According to informant, KASPER made the statement that Nashville will be the next battleground and they are going to have to fight to keep Negroes out of white schools there.

No other details obtained re plans for action at Nashville and not expected informant will be able to obtain any more details unless he does meet with KASPER. If Memphis or Knoxville desire informant meet with KASPER about the proposed Nashville meeting they should submit recommendations to the Bureau together with recommendations of payment of his expenses from near Charlotte, N. C.

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Assistant Attorney General  
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August 1, 1957

Director, FBI

WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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DATE 8/31/83 BY SP-7 MAC/eww

Reference is made to your memorandum dated July 5, 1957, in which you requested that the Bureau furnish the Department any additional information which comes to the Bureau's attention concerning the captioned organization and Frederick John Kasper.

According to articles which have appeared in Nashville, Tennessee, newspapers, Kasper has announced he plans to be in Nashville on August 3 or 4, 1957, for a rally to be held in cooperation with the Ku Klux Klan for the purpose of organizing segregationists.

Discreet inquiries made of Klansmen in the Nashville area indicate Klansmen are opposed to Kasper and do not desire to associate with him because of his alleged association with Negroes in New York. The Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government, a pro-segregation organization, has stated to the press that it wants "no part of Kasper."

On July 26, 1957, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had been informed by Kasper that Kasper plans to hold a big Klan meeting in Nashville in about two weeks. This same informant advised that Kasper stated that Nashville will be the next battleground and they are going to have to fight to keep Negroes out of white schools there. No other details concerning plans for action at Nashville were furnished the informant by Kasper.

The above is for your information. Any additional pertinent information received relative to the captioned organization or Kasper will be furnished you promptly.

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TO: Director, FBI (100-423395)

FROM: *JPM* SAC, Birmingham (105-375)RE: WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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A confidential informant of the Birmingham Office today advised the following Western Union telegram received by ACE CARTER, 1962 Bessemer Road, Birmingham, Alabama, from JOHN KASPER, Knoxville, Tennessee.

"You are announced to speak Nashville Sunday, August 4, 1957, 2 PM with HENDRIX BAGWELL XAVIER and others. Urgent you be present no matter how. Important. Bring army. Will meet Nashville at 49 and Charlotte Avenue 11 AM Sunday. Any difficulty, call CY 7-9109, Nashville. Make press release from Birmingham.

JOHN KASPER"

For the information of Bureau and offices receiving this airtel, ACE CARTER has been active in connection with the Citizens' Council of Alabama and has in the past been active with JOHN KASPER in connection with racial segregation.

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 1 Washington Field (100-33226) (AM)  
 2 Memphis (105-207) (AMSD)  
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Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

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Director, FBI

August 8, 1957

WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS  
OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to your memorandum dated July 5, 1957, in which you requested that the Bureau furnish the Department any additional information which comes to the Bureau's attention concerning captioned organization and Frederick John Kasper.

In connection with your request a confidential informant of the Birmingham Office of this Bureau advised on August 2, 1957, that John Kasper, Knoxville, Tennessee, sent the following telegram to "Ace" Carter, 1962 Bessemer Road, Birmingham, Alabama:

"You are announced to speak Nashville Sunday, August 4, 1957, 2 PM with HENDRIX BAGWELL XAVIER and others. Urgent you be present no matter how. Important. Bring army. Will meet Nashville at 49 and Charlotte Avenue 11 AM Sunday. Any difficulty, call CY 7-9109, Nashville. Make press release from Birmingham.

"JOHN KASPER"

Information concerning Carter has been furnished the Department previously in connection with his activities in the Citizens' Council of Alabama.

Any additional pertinent information received relative to Kasper's activities or the activities of the captioned organization will be furnished you promptly.

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To Mr. Williams

Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

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August 13, 1957

Director, FBI  
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WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated July 5, 1957, in which you requested that the Bureau furnish the Department any additional information which comes to the Bureau's attention concerning the captioned organization and Frederick John Kasper.

According to an article which appeared in the "Nashville Tennessean," a newspaper published in Nashville, Tennessee, in its August 1, 1957, issue Kasper appeared at that newspaper and announced that he planned a meeting of Klansmen and white citizens council members for 2:00 p.m., August 4, 1957, at the entrance of Centennial Park in Nashville. He stated he had come to Nashville to organize opposition to desegregation in the city schools this fall. He advised the speakers at the meeting would be Asa (Ace) Carter of Birmingham, Alabama; Bill Hendrix, Ku Klux Klan leader of Clearwater, Florida; James Bagwell, Klan official of Greenville, South Carolina; Dr. Edward R. Fields, white citizens council official from Louisville, Kentucky; Peter Xavier, white citizens council official of Dayton, Ohio; and Reverend John Mercurio, prosegregationist of Los Angeles, California.

Klan leaders and leaders of the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government in Nashville announced publicly that they would have nothing to do with Kasper.

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The news article referred to above revealed that Kasper was accompanied by Lee Foster of Knoxville, Tennessee, who Kasper said is a white citizens council official.

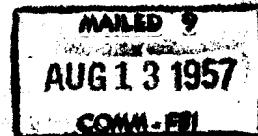
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**Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins**

Douglas Hosse, chief of the Nashville Police Department, advised that his department had a surveillance on Kasper. He said the Nashville Park Commission had not given Kasper a permit for the meeting and that none would be issued. He said Kasper would not be allowed to hold a meeting at the park and efforts to do so would give the police a reason for arrest.

With regard to the above, there is being furnished you herewith a Photostat of an article which appeared in the August 5, 1957, issue of the "New York Post," a newspaper published in New York City. This article reveals Kasper was not allowed use of Centennial Park for the meeting referred to above.

In addition to the above, a United Press release on August 11, 1957, revealed that Kasper said on that date "there's going to be plenty of trouble" in Nashville if schools are integrated. Kasper made this statement at a segregation rally outside the city limits at which about 200 persons were present. Kasper stated the Nashville School Board should change its mind about integrating because of the possibility of violence. He said, "Don't think there's not going to be violence if they go ahead, there's too many real men just to sit back." Kasper, in his speech, criticized Tennessee Governor Frank Clement, the Nashville School Board, Jews, and the press. He urged the formation of a national segregation political party.

Any additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished you promptly.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Enclosure

DATE: 8-2-57

TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING IN PLAIN TEXT

VIA AIR TEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS  
RE: FREDERICK JOHN KASPER, Aka.  
John Kasper  
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Re Charlotte air Tel to Director, 7-29-57.

According to an article appearing in the Nashville Tennessean, a daily newspaper, 8/1/57, JOHN KASPER appeared at that paper and announced that he plans a meeting of Klansmen and White Citizens Council members at 2 p.m., Sunday, 8/4/57, at the front entrance of Centennial Park in Nashville. He stated he has come to Nashville to organize opposition to desegregation in the first grade of the city's schools this fall. He said that speakers would be ASA (ACE) CARTER, Birmingham, Ala., BILL HENDRIX, Ku Klux Klan leader, Clearwater, Fla., JAMES BAGWELL, Klan official of Greenville, S. C., Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, White Citizens Council official from Louisville, PETER XAVIER, Ohio White Citizens Council official of Dayton, Ohio, and Rev. JOHN MERCURIO, pro-segregationist of Los Angeles. Klan leaders and leaders of the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government in Nashville have both announced publicly that they will have nothing to do with KASPER.

The news article referred to above stated that KASPER was accompanied by LEE FOSTER, Knoxville, who KASPER stated was the regional secretary of the East Tennessee Division of the White Citizens Council.

Chief DOUGLAS HOSSE, Nashville Police Department, has advised the Memphis Division that his department has a surveillance on KASPER. He said the Nashville Park Commission has not given KASPER a permit for the meeting and that none will be issued. He stated he will not be allowed to hold this meeting at the park and that efforts to do so

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will give the police a reason for arrest.

In view of the above, it is not believed desirable for Charlotte informant to attend.

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